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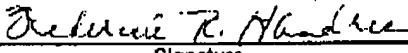
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-8, Applicant submits herewith the following for entry in the above-identified U.S. patent application:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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